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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PETER PAL VARGA et al. )  
TITLE: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACING )  
IMPLANT SYSTEM )  
SERIAL NO.: 10/055,673 )  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, applicants request entry of this Response C With Amendment and reconsideration of the above-captioned application. This response addresses every ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

A shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, a Petition for a one-month extension of time and PTO Form 2038 (credit card

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